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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1799

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OAU, PORG, CG, AO, NI  
SUBJ: OAU VIEW ON ZAIRE SITUATION

IN COURSE TOUR D' HORIZON, EMBOFF RAISED ZAIRE QUESTION WITH  
WELL PLACED OAU OFFICER. HE INDICATED THAT OAU ITSELF, WHEN  
FACED WITH POSSIBILITY OF ROLE IN PRESENT CONFLICT, BELIEVED  
THAT MEDIATION EFFORT BY THIRD PARTY WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE  
THAN ENGAGING OAU MECHANISM. PREFERRED CHOICES WERE RECENTLY  
ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT NGOUABI OF CONGO AND KENNETH KAUNDA OF  
ZAMBIA IN VIEW FACT BOTH HAD CLOSE PRESONAL RELATIONS WITH NETO  
AND MOBUTU. WHILE STAFFER FELT THAT NIGERIA COULD PLAY  
USEFUL ROLE, HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MEDIATION EFFORT WOULD  
BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF NIGERIA WERE JOINED BY OTHER UNSPECIFIED AFRICAN  
STATES.

2. OAU STAFFER INDICATED THAT NETO WOULD HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY  
IN AGREEING TO MEDIATION EFFORT. NETO COULD POINT TO FACT THAT  
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BORDERING AREAS IN ANGOLA CONTROLLED BY UNITA AND THAT ON BASIS  
EARLIER AGREEMENTS KATANGAGS WERE TO BE REPATRIOTED TO ZAIRE.  
STAFFER HAD LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR MOBUTU, STATING THAT PRESENT  
PROBLEM LARGELY OF HIS OWN MAKING. HE STATED EARLIER GROUP OF  
KATANGANS HAD RETURNED TO ZAIRE AND MOBUTU HAD "CHOPPED OFF  
THEIR HEADS". HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT IF MOBUTU HAD  
BEEN WILLING TO GIVE KATANGANS A CHANCE, PRESENT PROBLEM

WOULD NOT EXIST.

3. COMMENT: IT NOT CLEAR TO EMBASSY EXTENT OAU OFFICER'S VIEW ON  
MOBUTU AND SHABA SITUATION REFLECT VIEWS OF OAU.  
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